

sufficient to see some very commendable features, namely: The large number of young people composing both the membership and the attendants upon divine service, and the excellent order maintained. Reverence is the first step toward God and these people have taken it.

Both congregations have a bright future, being in peace and union among themselves. Having well organized auxiliaries they ought to accomplish much for Christ. We hope the time has come for them to become aggressive in mission work, and organize other congregations which will make their own church fellowship more enjoyable and also enlarge the borders of the Brethren church. It occurs to me that in our own home mission work we would be accomplishing more if we would aid these isolated churches to build up around them other churches. We need to be taught both concentration and consecration. The latter without the former loses half its power.

L. W. DITCH.

Logansport, Ind.

Communion Notice

The Brethren at Roann will hold communion Sat. evening, July 23, at 7:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to be present with us. On Sunday evening, July 24, we will have our "Jubilee,"—a special service for praise and thanksgiving.

LOUIS S. BOUMAN.

Ministerial Association

Notes from the Eleventh Session of the Indiana Ministerial Association, held at La Paz, Ind., June 28, 29, 30, 1898.

The program as published in EVANGELIST No. 20, May 25, page 16, was carried out in full, save those persons who were absent, which topics were generally discussed by members present.

Ten ministers were present.

Attendance during the day was fair. Good house at night.

All who came were highly pleased with the intellectual and spiritual food presented by our ministry.

The meeting had a good effect on the church and community.

Good seed was sown which with nourishing will be gathered ere long.

Ministers should be interested sufficiently in the work to remain the whole session.

Brother Furry presented some very helpful lectures on "Preparation for Preaching." With such a standard and a knowledge of the work, we would have a more efficient ministry.

The most interesting theme was the one presented by Brother Flora—The State of the Dead after Death. He handled his view very nobly, altho all the ministry, nearly, took the other view, the dead remain in an intermediate state, and are not called direct home to their reward.

These sessions should be held at some other time of the year, if we expect the laity present. Also a more earnest effort for a larger attendance from the ministry.

This session was up to the average in general and in point of interest and breadth of thought shows increase over previous ones. Every member should arrange to be present next year at North Manchester.

L. A. HAZLETT, Sec.

Nappanee, Ind.

Lake Odessa, Mich.

A few weeks ago a macedonian call came from Blanchard, Michigan "come over and help us." Will say in response to said call I took train at Ionia on Saturday morning July 9, arrived at Blanchard at 11 A. M., was conveyed and entertained by dear friends in the evening. I met with a good and attentive congregation in the Wolcot school-house. I broke the bread of life to them to the best of my ability with apparent good results. On Sunday morning the 10, a large congregation assembled at the Decker school-house where I again preached, Sunday-school followed. Here the advents (not Saturday advents) have a good Sunday-school; some 65 remained for Sunday-school. We repaired to the water near by where the following named persons were baptized: James Brocieous, Eda Hulliberger and Ella Hulliberger. Meeting again at same place at 7:30 P. M., where consecration services were held with much solemnity, being something new there, after which the young brother and sisters were received into the church in the regular order by all the members and Christian friends present. Now I want to say to the Brethren ministers of Michigan, or all that may pass this way. Stop at Blanchard and encourage the few members residing there. This is a point where the brethren have never preached, and the indications are that if they could have meeting occasionally that a branch of the church could be established there if not that, it certainly should be a mission point and sustained.

Sunfield is in Eaton Co., another mission point that has received some attention of late by the writer and brother Clum. Here the prospect is good for an organization in the near future. On Sunday the 3, I assisted them in organizing a Sunday-school, here are a few faithful workers, but the few are poor and not able to support a minister. I hope our Mission Board will see that the bread of life is also dealt out to them as well as many others. May the Lord awaken all lethargic ambassadors and send them into his vineyard.

Yours for eternal life,

J. G. WINEY.

Notes From Zed H Copp

DAYTON

The attendance at all services is on the increase and deep interest is manifest in every department of the work. We rejoice in the faithfulness of the "true and tried," and can assure the brotherhood that, if we continue to "abide," a large and spiritually influential church will be the result in the near future. We want to gain and maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. This can

be done only by looking to Jesus first, last and always. Men and their methods, self and selfishness, must be laid aside with every other weight.

CLOTHING AND MONEY

are both needed right now to push the work as it should be. Many children would gladly attend the Sunday-school but a lack of proper clothing keeps them at home and makes them grow up hardened in sin. Last Sunday several little boys actually wept and sobbed and refused to be consoled because only one member of this large family could attend and they could not. Think of this, you boys who have more clothes than you know what to do with, and then remember that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and club together with the girls of your congregation and send to sister Lottie Bond, president of the Aid Society all the suits, dresses, shoes, hats, stockings, and underwear you can collect, second-hand or new in a box by freight prepaid. Don't think that shoes and stockings keep children away except the girls, for barefooted boys range their dusty toes along side of the most highly polished shoes, in class.

Money is another scarce article here in this work. The rivulets of silver empty into the National Board's river of gold but Dayton continues an arid region because the irrigating gates are shut and locked with either popular or official neglect. The result is at this writing, July 15th, the pastor is just twenty-five dollars deeper in debt than he was when he assumed the work in May. We wonder if *all those* who were going to send in their money designated "for the Dayton work" have died or enlisted.

WEST ALEXANDRIA

Two more made confession last Sunday afternoon. This is an Apostolic church—the Lord adding to the church because the church labors together with God.

Brother King left us a liberal supply of the choice and staple necessities of life during our absence one day this week. It was a long distance shot but it reached the mark.

Gleanings from the Wayside

The fields are ripe for the harvest, the gleaners are at work, the tares are being separated, for they have grown until the harvest. And there is work for all. It takes work to accomplish any great feat.

We had our Children's Meeting at Maple Grove, Sunday night and it was a grand success in every particular, not a failure or mistake in the entire program. It must have taken much time and patience to accomplish the result. The house was profusely decorated with house flowers, bunting, and Old Glory was conspicuous in the display. I believe that every church ought to have the stars and stripes somewhere in the auditorium. While we try to teach loyalty to God let us teach them loyalty to country as well. Praise to whom praise belongs for all good accomplished.

Yours for salvation.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.